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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The papers of the Tennessee American Revolution Bicentennial Commission document the procedure and activities Tennesseans observed to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the American Revolution. Tennessee, then a part of North Carolina, was not the scene of a single battle or skirmish because its geographical location placed it outside the main theaters of the war. Tennesseans, however, did participate in the Battle of Kings Mountain, South Carolina where a force of troops loyal to the Crown was decisively defeated.

Created by an act of the General Assembly in 1971 (Chapter 212, Senate Bill 606) the Commission consisted by twenty one citizens. Five (5) persons served as ex-officio members representing five (5) historical societies of the state while the other sixteen (16) members were appointed, eight (8) by the Governor and four (4) each by the Speaker of the House of the General Assembly.

Activities of the Commission were concentrated in three main areas; Heritage, a program whereby all ethnic groups of Tennesseans were urged to re-examine their origins, values, and the meaning of America; Festival, a call to all Tennessee's citizens to celebrate the two hundred years of American Freedom; Horizons, a summons to communities to undertake at least one principal project to improve the quality of community life. Other functions of the Commission were to serve as an advisory group and a clearinghouse to local Commissions in the solicitation of grants, Federal and State funds, for community projects.

The bulk of the records is correspondence dated mainly from 1971 to 1976. The correspondence is arranged by subject in chronological order. Of particular interest is the number and scope of local projects funded and completed during the Commission's lifetime. Other types of records include bulletins, minutes, news releases, and published material relating to the Revolutionary War.

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14	Upper East Tennessee Regional Bicentennial	1973

15	Overton County Festival	1975
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2	Robertson County Oral History	1975
3	Rutherford County Essay Contest	1975
4	Rutherford County Squaredance	1975
5	Scott County Markers	1975
6	Springfield Music and Drama	1975
7	Sumner County Daughters of the American Revolution Cemetery Restoration	1975
8	Tennessee Association of Realtors	1975
9	Tennessee Historical Society Article Contest	1975
10	Tennessee State Museum Sevier Pistol	1975
11	American Issues Forum	1975
12	Tennessee State Library Acquisitions	1977
13	Union County Monument	1976
14	University of Tennessee Symposium	1975
15	University of Tennessee "Between the Rivers"	1975
16	Vanderbilt University Lecture Series	1975
17	Volunteer Recognition Fund	1975
18	Volunteer State Community College	1976
19	White County Concert	1975
20	White County Double Eagle	1975
21	Robert Young Cabin	1975
22	Tennessee State University Dramatic Touring Group	1975
23	University of Tennessee, School of Architecture	1973
24	Nancy Ward Tomb Restoration	1975
25	We the People: Our Bill of Rights	1975
26	Warf and Flatboat	1975
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3	History Along the Big South Fork
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5	Industry in Knoxville, 20 th Century
6	Knoxville Yesteryear II
7	Tennessee Bicentennial Ballet Project
8	Pictorial History of Morgan County

9	History of Oliver Springs
10	Monument of Roane County
11	Denmark Presbyterian Church Restoration
12	Terrazo Map of Unicoi County
13	Old Timer's Day Celebration
14	Pioneer Village USA
15	History of Washington County
16	Doak's Log College Reconstruction
17	Historic Preservation Conference
18	"Land of Hope and Glory"
19	Community Production of "1776"
20	Land of Hope and Glory
21	Bicentennial Spotlight on Women
22	Breeze Hill
23	Cumberland Mountain Folklore
24	Display the Flag
25	Helenwood Community Club Repair
26	Henryville Community Club Mini-Park
27	Scott County Marker
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29	Samuel Wear Cemetery Restoration
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33	Clio's Bicentennial Treasures
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- 3 Clinton Open Space Project
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- 6 Polly Crockett Gravesite Restoration
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- 8 Bicentennial in Many Languages
- 9 Bicentennial Opera: The Tennessee Witch
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- 11 History of Polk County
- 12 Putnam County Historical Sites
- 13 Rhea County Historical Display
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- 15 Henry County Courthouse Square Mini-Park Plaza
- 16 Information Kiosks and Tour Center
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